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1. (C) SUMMARY: IN AN EMOTIONAL SPEECH DELIVERED AT YARMOUK UNIVERSITY GRADUATION CEREMONIES ON JUNE 14, KING HUSSEIN STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI RAID ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY, AS A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND AN INDICATION THAT ISRAEL INTENDS TO DENY TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS TO THE ARABS WHICH IT SEEKS FOR ITSELF. THE KING WARNED FELLOW ARABS THAT THE SOPHISTICATED, AMERICAN-SUPPLIED WEAPONS HAVE MADE

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ALL -- NO MATTER HOW DISTANT FROM ISRAEL THEY MAY BE -- POTENTIAL TARGETS OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION. THE ARABS, HUSSEIN DECLARED, MUST NOW DECIDE WHO THEIR FRIENDS ARE ON THE BASIS OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT "RIGHT AND PRINCIPLE." B-1

END SUMMARY.

2. (U) IN AN EMOTIONAL SPEECH FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED BY APPLAUSE, KING HUSSEIN DEVOTED MOST OF HIS JUNE 14 ADDRESS AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF YARMOUK UNIVERSITY TO CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI RAID ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY AND OF THE AMERICAN SUPPORT WHICH ALLEGEDLY MADE THIS POSSIBLE. KING'S SPEECH CONTAINED THE

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FOLLOWING POINTS:
-- "ISRAEL'S TREACHEROUS AGGRESSION AGAINST FRATERNAL IRAQ IS UNPRECEDENTED IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."
-- "A REACTOR IN A STATE SIGNATORY TO THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THE FORCES OF A STATE NOT SIGNATORY TO IT. THE STATE WHICH IS NOT SIGNATORY HAS INTRODUCED NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO THE MIDDLE EAST WITH WHICH TO THREATEN THE ENTIRE ARAB NATION."
-- BY THIS ACT ISRAEL HAS SHOWN THAT IT INTENDS TO DENY THE ARABS TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS, "AS IF IT IS THEIR RIGHT AND IT IS NOT THE RIGHT OF THE ARAB NATION IN IRAQ TO SEEK TO CATCH-UP WITH THE ADVANCED WORLD AND 20TH CENTURY CIVILIZATION." THIS ISRAELI POLICY AIMS AT PREVENTING THE ARABS FROM BUILDING VIABLE

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ECONOMIES FOR THE DAY WHEN THEIR OIL WEALTH IS EXHAUSTED.
-- "THE ISRAELI RAID SHOULD SOUND AN ALARM TO THOSE WHO HAVE TURNED A DEAF EAR TO JUSTICE... THE ARABS WILL NOT ACCEPT COURTESIES AND DIPLOMATIC SYMPATHIES WHICH ARE MEANINGLESS..."
-- "... THE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS PLACED IN ISRAEL'S HANDS HAVE MADE ALL ARABS A TARGET OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION NO MATTER HOW DISTANT THEY ARE FROM THE FRONTLINE WITH ZIONISM..."
-- "THE RECENT AGGRESSION HAS COME AS A WARNING TO THE ARABS. IT HAS OPENED THEIR EYES TO THE NEED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FRIEND AND FOE AND TO TREAT NATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR RIGHT AND PRINCIPLE..."
3. (C) COMMENT: [redacted]

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